



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: March 27, 2009

# NOTICE OF 60 DAY AVAILABILITY

## SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Please be advised a draft Very High Fire Hazard Severity Map is available for public review. The City is required to adopt a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Map in compliance with State Law.

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<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	<b><u>DRAFT VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY MAP</u></b>
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<b>COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:</b>	<b>CITYWIDE</b>

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State law requires that all local agencies identify very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZ) within their jurisdictions. Inclusion within the VHFHSZ is based on vegetation density, slope severity, and other relevant factors that contribute to fire severity. The purpose of the VHFHSZ Map is to classify lands in accordance with whether a very high fire hazard is present so that public officials are able to identify measures that will retard the rate of spread and reduce the potential intensity of uncontrolled fires through vegetation management and implementation of building standards developed to minimize loss of life, resources, and property. Generally, these include requirements related to venting, roofing, and for exterior building surfaces. Existing buildings are not required to be retrofitted.

Included in the Map are areas mapped on the current 300 ft buffer that was published pursuant to Section § 145.3802 of the Municipal Code under ordinance O-19258 N.S. in 2004 and the VHFHSZ. Adoption of the Map will trigger compliance with Chapter 7A of the 2007 California Building Code as adopted and amended by the City of San Diego.

This Map is provided in draft form to allow for public comment on the boundaries of the areas mapped. The public is invited to review and comment on the draft VHFHSZ Map which can be reviewed at the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue website at [www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/forms/map.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/forms/map.shtml), at San Diego City libraries, and in the reception areas of the City Clerk's Office (202 'C' Street) Development Services Department (1222 First Avenue) and the Fire-Rescue Department (1010 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Ste. 400).

Comments and questions regarding why properties are within the Map should be directed to M. Orton, Deputy Chief of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (619-533-4304). Questions regarding the building requirements within the mapped area should be directed to A. Fattah, Senior Structural Engineer in the Development Services Department (619-446-5092). Questions and comments can also be e-mailed to [sdfirehazardmaps@sandiego.gov](mailto:sdfirehazardmaps@sandiego.gov). Public comments will be accepted during the 60 day public comment period commencing from the date of this Notice.

The decision to adopt this draft map will be made at a future noticed public hearing.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.  
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